



# *The Scott Mission*

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## CAMP NOTES 1996

### THE SCOTT MISSION CAMP

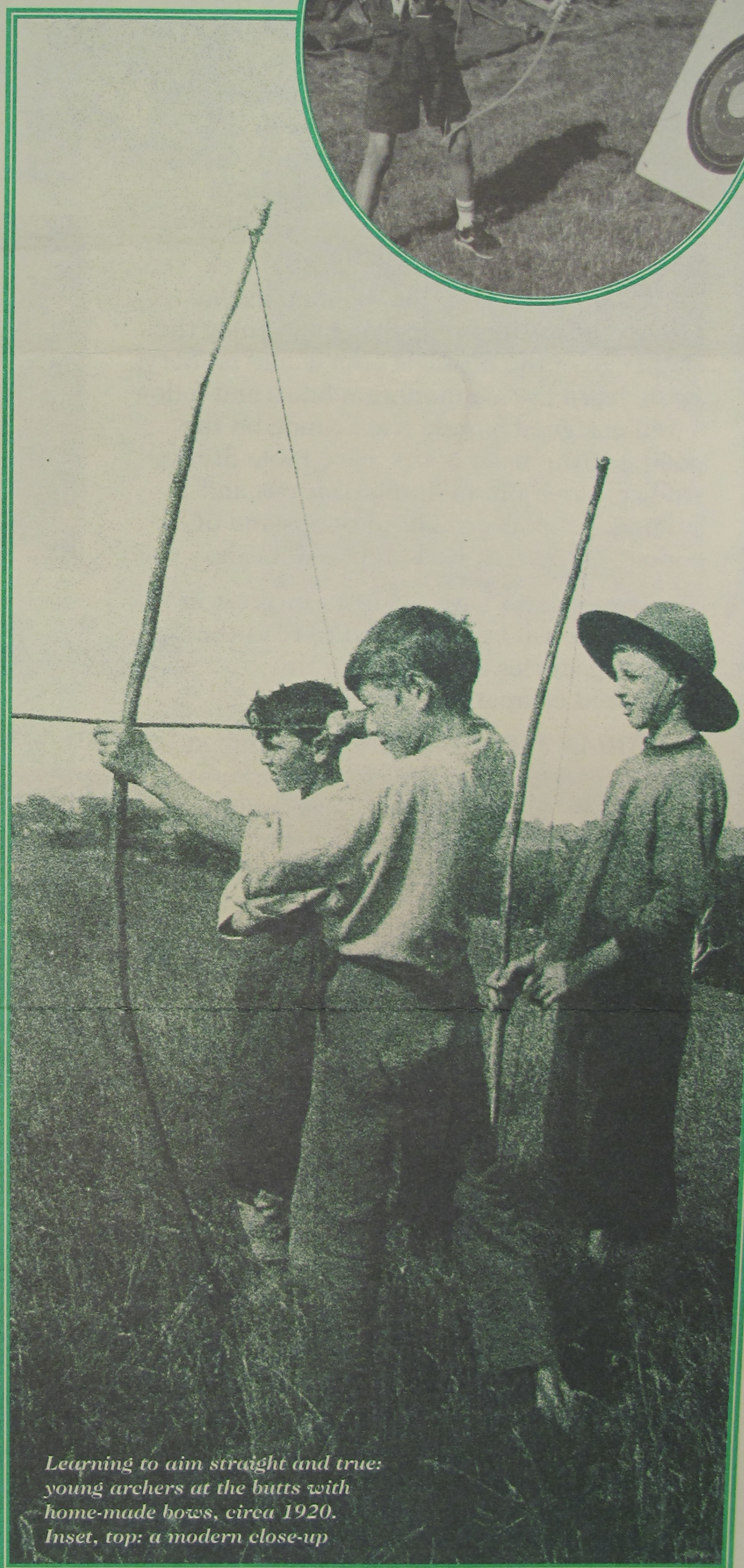
#### Purpose and History

The purpose of our summer camp is to provide a holiday in the countryside for inner city women and children, enabling them to be enriched physically and spiritually in a peaceful and safe environment.

Our first camp operated from the home of Mr. & Mrs. Claussen in Highland Creek in the year 1912. Although the programme was very limited, these inner city campers wanted nothing more than to be able to enjoy the freedom and lush green of the countryside. The budget was somewhat restricted, but food was plentiful through the generosity of neighbours, who would often quietly leave baskets of vegetables on our front door-step.

In 1941, the Camp was moved to the town of Hillsburgh. By 1958 the Camp had become so successful, more space was required. We moved the Camp to its present location in the beautiful Caledon Hills.

Our purpose of enriching the lives of campers is still maintained but is enhanced through an expanded camping programme which the property allows.



*Learning to aim straight and true:  
young archers at the butts with  
home-made bows, circa 1920.  
Inset, top: a modern close-up*



## CALEDON CAMPING PROGRAMME

One of the most important parts of our camping programme is our Leader-in-training course, whereby young teenagers are given the opportunity to prepare themselves to become Staff at our Camp. Year round commitment to do well at school and to participate in the after-school club at The Scott Mission, combined with summer camping, assure us of future quality Staff and give the participants a healthy feeling of accomplishment.

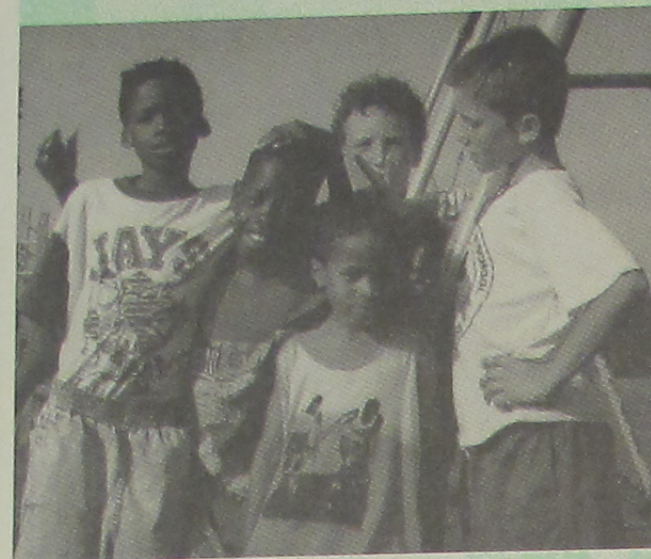
Campers revel in the scenic hills and forest of the Camp property; hike; enjoy the challenge of the obstacle course and archery; swim; learn to ride mountain bikes and follow a well-designed bicycle trail; canoe on the pond or fish; make crafts; have Bible Study; study nature; join in dramatizations and singing; go on overnight out-trips and of course, eat hearty, well-prepared meals.

Donors who have taken an interest in our Camps will be heartened to read the following stories from some of the sponsored campers:

**BRIAN FIRST CAME** to our camp at age 7. Foster parents and social workers realized Brian's love of our camp and the great benefit it was to his behaviour. To reinforce constancy in his life, they made sure that he returned year after year. Brian now is in high school and his mother seeing the change in his life, is in the process of upgrading her own education.

**ONE RECENTLY WIDOWED** mother who attended last year's Camp with her 3 youngsters, applied for this year's holiday as soon as Christmas was over. She told us, "Camp saved my sanity. Life is still hard for me, but going to Camp gives me something to look forward to. And besides, you helped me decide to go back to school."

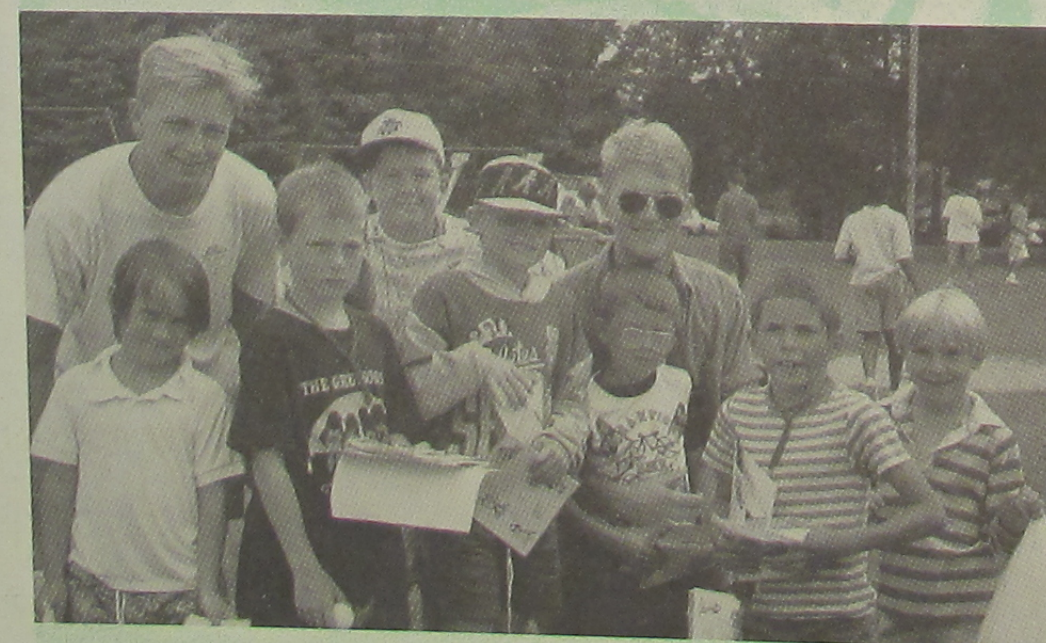
**AS A DONOR WAS GIVING** us a gift of clothing in our office he said, "When I was just a kid, I started going to your camp. I went for about 6 years and I learned a lot more than I realized. I'm where I am today because of what you people taught me."



## Eighty-Four years of Sunshine & Salvation

Clockwise, from top left:

Happy campers; more happy campers; Karaoke time; time for pool care; friendships that last a life-time; the original gang at the ol' swimming hole, 1912; tie-die camping; games day; young mothers' sewing skills; a modern swimming hole; Leaders-in-training program; 2 campers, 2 staff





## COLLINGWOOD LODGE FOR SENIORS

Our Camp for Seniors in Collingwood provides a restful environment where men and women from our Senior's Services Department relax in the beauty of the Blue Mountain area.

Their souls and bodies are refreshed as they sit on the deck delighting in the spectacular view, eat to their heart's content and gather together for devotions or craftmaking. How necessary it is for those who are shut in throughout the winter months, to have a brief vacation away from the restrictions of their city life.

Helping people realize their worth and accomplish their potential are goals of our Camps. We give a camper time for quiet reflection, and provide emotional support and encouragement in an nurturing atmosphere.

This has helped many campers whatever their age, take a useful place in the community and fulfill the purpose of God for each life.



*There's nothing like country air to whet an appetite!*

### Men's Ministries

- Daily hot dinners for the homeless
- Drop-in centre
- Clothing
- Foot clinic
- Rehab counselling
- Work program
- Support group and retreats

### Day Care

- Day Nursery for children
- Bible Study

### Child and Youth Ministries

- After-school clubs
- Summer camps
- Leader-in-training groups

### Seniors' Services

- Meals-on-wheels
- Visitation
- Shopping and retreats
- Support groups
- Counselling
- Group activities

### Women's & Family Ministries

- Groceries
- Clothing, furniture and household items
- Support groups
- Camping and outings

### Church Services

- General Church Services
- Chinese Fellowship
- Hungarian Coffee Hour
- Filipino Church



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